(c) and (d) The psychotherapeutic drugs including tranquillisers, were not considered essential from the angle of price control as expert$_s$ considered that the; magnitude of psychiatric problems was relatively less in the country as compared to other diseases.

(e) The esential drugs for National Health (Programme from the price control angle are listed under Category-I of the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987. This is a restrictive list keeping in tune with the overall objective of the price control order and doe$_s$ not include all essential drugs included in the World Health Organisation's essential drug list.

**Marketing of Anabolic Steroids**

812. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a ) tbe .Jnames of anabolic steroids drug; being marketed in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that these drugs are also being marketed in combi nation;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of these drugs both individually and in combination ar$_e$ hazardous and dangerous;

(d) whether it is a fact that these drugs are misused;

(e) whether it is a fact that no pre cautionary pack insert is provided with the medicine;

(f) if so, the reasons thereof;

(g) what are the side and dangerous effects of Orabolin, Decadurobulin, Durabolin and what steps have been taken in that regard;

(h) whether it is also a fact that a number of other dangerous and hazardous drugs are also being marketed in the country; and

(i) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard*?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) The names of anabolic steroids being marketed in the country are Nandrolone, Methandinone, Oxymethalone, Stenozolol and Ethyl-est-renlol.

(b) Yes, it is a fact.

(c) and (d) The experts consulted have not considered anabolic steroids a hazardous and had opined that they have a definite therapeutic role to play in cer tain restricted conditions. However to avoid indiscriminate use, the combinations of anabolig steroids were banned under a notification. This was challenged by some aggrieved manufacturers for which a stay was granted to them by Courts of Law.

(e) and (f) Although package insert is not a statutory requirement, yet, the leading manufacturers give package insert highlighting tbe specific indications, con-tra-indications and warning to be followed while administering these drugs.

(g) The prominent side effects of anabolic' steroids include increase Nitrogen retention and skeletal weight, Sodium and water retention, Oedema, increase of Calcium level in blood and increase in growth of bone.

In order to avoid indiscriminate us$_e$ of anabolic steroids, the indications of these drugs have been streamlined in consultation with the experts. These indication? are for replacement therapy in hypogonadism, in the male climacteric, in the treatment of gynecomastia, in the palliative treatment of breast cancer, to increase weight in patients suffering from wasting diseases and in some refractory anaemias.

(h) and (i) It is not a fact that a number of hazardous drugs are being market ed in the country. Out of 44 drug$_s$ report ed to be withdrawn in some countries of the world, 26 drugs were never allowed to be marketed and action to withdraw 11 drugs have been taken. A conscious decision for continued marketing of remaining 7 drugs, namely, Hydroxyquinoline group of drugs, Nitrofuran compounds Lynestrenol, Piperazine, Phen

tformin, Oxyphenbutazone/Phenylbutazone and Analgin was taken in consultation with the experts.

**Supply of F-16 War Planes for Pakistan**

813. SHRI V1THALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be I ited F-16 s from ; and (b) v nt are to counter the modern weaponry which Pakistan is acquiring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Gov-ernment are awar$_e$ of reports that the US Administration is considering the sale Iditional F-16 aircraft to Pakistan.

(b) Government are cognizant of the development which have security impli cations f°r the country and tak$_e$ appro priate measures to sal our interests.

12.00 NOON-

**PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE**

**Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta and related Papers**

MINISTER OF PLANNING AND INISTER OF PROGRAMME IM-PLEMENTATION MADHAV-SINH SOLANKI): I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Fifty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay i$_n$ laying the paper mention at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7501/89].

**I. Administration Report and Accounts (1987-88) of Cantonment Boards and related papers.**

**II. Naval Ceremonul Conditions of Scr-and Amendment) Regu!.**

**III. Notiffications a of the Ministry of Defence**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRl CHINTAMANI PANIGiRAHT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—.

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Administration Report and Accoimt$_s$ of Cantonment Boards for the year 1987-88 together with the Audit Report on the Accounts. ! in Library. *See* No. LT— 7357|891

II. A cop:.- (in English and Hin the Ministry of Defence Notification S.R.O. No. 363, dated the 21st Jan-1989, publishing the Naval Ceremonial Conditions of Service and Miscellaneous (Second Amendment) Regulations, 1988, under section 184 of th$_e$ Navy Act, 1957. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—7356/89]

III. A copy each 0"n English and Hindi) of the following Notifications Ministry of Defence: —

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<ii") G.S.'R. No. 868, dated *th?* 5th November, 1988, publishing the